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1. During the month of July there was evidence of growing activity on the part of the Partido Comunista Brasileiro (Communist Party of Brazil; PCB) in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. The three Communist State Deputies, Manuel Jover Telles, Dr. Julio Teixeira, and Antonio Pinheiro Machado Neto, were fighting with skill and force a last ditch battle for survival. Realizing that the fight might be lost to them, they were seeking to win as many militants and sympathizers for subsequent underground work as possible. In their speeches they were advocating free land for the small farmer, radical changes in labor conditions in the local coal mines and ports, full liberty for labor sundicates, maintenance of the Communist mandates, etc.

2. To gain adherents, the PCB published daily press notices in the Tribuna Gaucha (PCB press organ for Rio Grande do Sul), asking syndicates, "democratic" organizations, and people in general to communicate with the offices of the Tribuna Gaucha, Rua General Camara, 381, First Floor, which is regarded as the public headquarters of the PCB since the closing of the latter's own premises. Comissoes de Ajuda a Tribuna Gaucha (Commissions for Aid to the Tribuna Gaucha) have been established in Porto Alegre and in several of the towns of the interior. (cf. Movimento de Auxilio a Tribuna Popular in Rio de Janeiro and the Federal District [redacted])

3. As elsewhere in Brazil, the PCB, in order to camouflage its activities, is setting up a new organization under the banner of the Partido Popular Progressista (PPP) [redacted]. The first preparatory meeting of the organizing commission took place at Rua Urugui, 315, Second Floor, Porto Alegre, with all "democrats and patriots" invited to attend and register. Source states that the platform discussed at this meeting did not vary one iota from the Communist line.

4. Other "Comites Populares" (Popular Committees), which may be regarded as auxiliary organs or fronts of the PCB, have survived the cancellation of the Party. To avoid intervention on the part of the authorities, meetings have adopted an "artistic" character.

5. [redacted] that Rio de Janeiro and Montevideo, Uruguay, are the main distributing points for Communist funds destined for Rio Grande do Sul. He pointed out that in this State smuggling across the border between Brazil and Uruguay would be an easy matter at almost any section. He further stated that information relative to the donation by PCB congressmen of all but two contos of their salary to the PCB treasury (see [redacted]) is merely propaganda used to cover the real source of money entering the country, and a trick to impress the public with the Spartan attitude of the Party's own militants.

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